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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated  
November 27, 2006.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: